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SUBJECT: W/W GAIL KIDD

REF: PALERMO 0548

1. WHEN MRS. KIDD FAILED CONTACT CONGEN BY COB SEPT. 1 WE TELEPHONED HER SEPT. 2 TO CHECK ON SITUATION, AND LEARNED THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT POLICE VISITS SINCE AUGUST 21. HOWEVER, SHE IS STILL RATHER SHAKEN BY EXPERIENCE AND WHAT SHE FEELS IS REMAINING CLOUD OF SUSPICION THAT SHE IS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

2. IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY MATTER LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE CONTACTED AND CONGEN WAS INFORMED THAT 1) THEIR SEARCHES (UNDER DULY ISSUED SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANTS) WERE MADE AFTER THEY RECEIVED AN ALERT THAT SUSPICIOUS MEETINGS (RIUNIONI EQUIVOCHE) WERE TAKING PLACE ON THE VILLA PREMISES, 2) A YOUNG MALE AUSTRIAN YOUTH, KNOWN TO THEM AS A HOMOSEXUAL AND AT THE TIME TENANT OF MS. KIDD'S GARAGE APARTMENT, HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN COURSE OF THEIR INITIAL VISIT WHEN HE WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A PISTOL. (YOUTH WAS LATER RELEASED ON BAIL AFTER 2-DAYS DETENTION.) POLICE APPEAR SATISFIED, HOWEVER, THAT PILLS THEY TOOK FROM HER VILLA FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS WERE IN FACT PRESCRIBED MEDICATION WHICH SHE IS REQUIRED TO TAKE FOR HEALTH REASONS.

3. MS. KIDD APPEARED REASSURED AFTER ABOVE INFORMATION RELAYED TO HER. SHE PROMISED TO CONTACT CONGEN SHOULD ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS OCCUR AND TO CONSULT WITH HER LOCAL ATTORNEY WHOM
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SHE HAD NOT YET INFORMED.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO CONGEN THAT VILLA PREMISES SEARCHES WERE RESULT OF AND RELATED TO POLICE SUSPICION THAT AUSTRIAN YOUTH INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

5. AS APPROPRIATE, DEPT. MAY WISH INFORM CONGRESSMAN HORTON. COLLINS

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